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Cannibal Cop's wife dishes on opening day of his trial

◆ She gives stirring testimony in first day of case against Gilberto Valle ◆ Investigators uncover a file with info on 100 women 🗘 Defense argues: 'You can't convict people for their thoughts' (page 02)



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Beat the cold in Barbados

Tired of the snow, sleet and slow work week? It's time for sun, rum and waves {page 20}







In the news

Man gunned down in Bk.

A 21-year-old man was day morning in Brooklyn. According to police, officers responded to a 9 a.m. 911 call reporting gunshots on found the man, 21, shot in the chest and shoul-

Emergency responders transported him to Brookdale Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, cops said. Police are investigating. Cops also ing in Brownsville on Sunday. 🚳 ALISON BOWEN



De Blasio wants All-Star Game at Barclays

Public Advocate Bill De Blasio wants the 2015 All-Star Game to be at the Barclays Center. He wrote to **NBA Deputy Comm**issioner Adam Silver that Barclays would be a better choice than Madison Square Garden. He referenced Cablevision employees being fired last month and criticized MSG owner James Dolan, who also heads up the Cablevision Systems Corporation. METRO/AB

State seeks to shut down troubled Fung Wah buses

○ State of Massachusetts asks Department of Transportation to declare company 'imminent hazard' DEight buses that were inspected had cracks in their frames

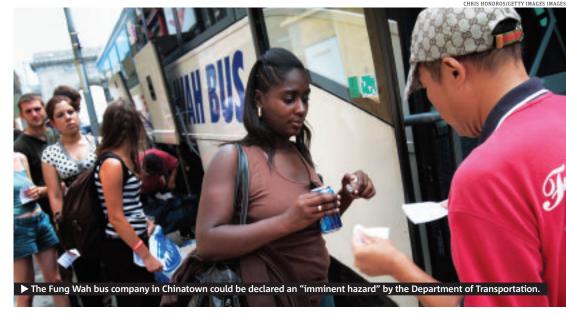
Massachusetts is asking the federal Department of Transportation to declare an "imminent hazard" and shut down the Fung Wah bus company after multiple inspections found dangers in the physical structure of the carrier's fleet.

Nearly two dozen of the company's buses have been taken out of service after inspections. The Fung Wah bus company is located in Chinatown and has had a history of accidents.

Ann Berwick, chair of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. the agency's Transportation Oversight Division conducted random inspections, and of nine Fung Wah buses examined, eight had cracks in their frames. They were ordered off the road.

Officials met last week with the bus company's owner, who agreed to take all buses manufactured before 2005 off the road. As of Saturday, 21 of 28 buses were taken out of service.

"When eight of the nine buses inspected have serious safety problems, you have to worry that when there's smoke there's fire, so we became concerned



Crash history

Fung Wah bus company has a history of problems since 2005:

- While traveling on a Connecticut highway in 2005, a Fung Wah bus caught fire, sending passengers fleeing.
- A woman was killed

when a Fung Wah bus crashed in New York City in 2008.

- About 20 people were hurt when a Fung Wah bus rolled over in Auburn, Mass., in 2009. Two people were seri-
- ously injured when they were hit by a Fung Wah bus while crossing a New York City street last

with all of the older buses," Berwick said.

A woman who answered the phone at the New York City Fung Wah office declined to give her name but said the companv is still operating and $\bar{t}he$ owner was not there.

The discount bus line has for years been popular among college students who travel between New York City and Boston.

Berwick said the department sent the inspection findings and a letter to the federal DOT and requested an "imminent hazard" be declared. The DPU is also seeking the interstate bus company be shut down until it takes corrective action deemed appropriate by the federal agency.





Opening salvo of 'cannibal cop' case

Opening arguments were held today in the case of "cannibal cop" Gilberto Valle, accused of plotting to kidnap, cook and eat women.

The defense argued the charges are spurious and that Valle was simply fantasizing, and never intended to act on his fantasies, NBC New York reported.

'You can't convict people for their thoughts, even if they're sick," defense attorney Julia Gatto reportedly said.

But prosecutors said Valle's plans were target-

ing "very real women." Valle's wife Kathleen

Mangan gave an emotion-

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ally charged testimony today, sobbing uncontrollably when prosecutors displayed a photo of Valle with their baby girl, Josephine, according to reports from the New York

Mangan said Valle was

initially "nice" and that "he opened doors and pulled out chairs," but changed when she became pregnant. When the baby was born less than a year ago, Valle emotionally checked out.

"It's like he was gone," she said. Valle cried during his wife's testimony, according to the NY Post.

Mangan told the FBI about Valle's strange behavior when he started asking questions about where she liked to work, what the lighting was like, and whether other people were around, NBC New York reported.

Investigators had

uncovered a file on Valle's computer containing the names and pictures of at least 100 women, as well as the addresses and physical descriptions of some of them. He was also accused of spying on them at work and at their homes, and negotiating a price to kidnap a woman, insisting on no less than \$5,000 to deliver a woman bound, gagged and alive. Valle was repeatedly denied bail, as was his coconspirator Michael van Hise, who is awaiting trial. The charges carry a maximum sentence of life in prison.

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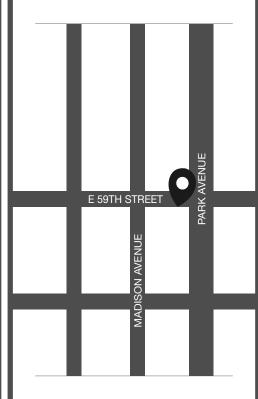
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Dov Hikind in blackface controversy



Brooklyn Assemblyman Dov Hikind reportedly dressed up in blackface at his Purim celebration this weekend.

A short post on Hikind's blog yesterday morning was titled "It's Purim. People Dress Up."

The post reads: "I am intrigued that anyone who understands Purim — or for that matter understands me — would have a problem with this. This is political correctness to the absurd. There is not a prejudiced bone in my body."

Hikind's 32-year-old son posted a photo of his parents on Facebook with the caption "how cool are my folks... Lol."

In the photo, Hikind is wearing an afro wig and what looks like an orange jumpsuit, but is apparently a basketball jersey.

Hikind told Politicker that he "was just, I think, I was trying to emulate, you know, maybe some of these basketball players. Someone gave me a uniform, someone gave me the hair of the actual, you know, sort of a basketball player."

He also told CBS "if [he] was black, on Purim [he] would have made [his] face white."

Assemblyman Hikind held a press conference yesterday afternoon following the backlash over appearing in blackface.

Assemblyman Karim Camara, chair of the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Caucus, issued a statement expressing shock and outrage and calling Hikind's actions "insensitive."

At the press conference, Hikind reportedly apologized that people were offended.

"We live in a society where everyone is sensitive about everything," Hikind reportedly said. "It's not difficult for me to say, OK, fine."

Hikind couldn't be reached for comment.



News in brief

Man jumps in front of E train

A man jumped in front of an E train yesterday, according to reports.

The man, who survived, joined a sad string of people jumping in front of trains recently.

According to the Daily News, he was the eighth person injured or killed by a train since Feb. 20.

He reportedly jumped in front of a train at the Northern Boulevard Station in Queens around 5:30 a.m. The train was



headed toward Manhattan.

The man is in serious condition.

Last month, the City Council called an emergency hearing to respond to a number of train-station injuries.

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Man tries to kill his wife with a meat cleaver in Chinatown

A 28-year-old man allegedly attacked a woman with a meat cleaver in Chinatown on Sunday. Two firefighters from a firehouse across the street saved the victim by holding the man down.

The attack happened around 10:20 a.m. The fire-fighters flagged down a passing NYPD patrol car, and the officers arrested the suspect.

Cops said the victim was found in a restaurant several blocks away and taken to Bellevue Hospital in critical but stable condition. She had a total of 12 lacerations, a fracture at the back of her skull and deep cuts to her right rib and right hip. Two of the wounds pierced her skull.

He is being charged with attempted murder, assault, criminal posses-



The charges

Huang is being charged with attempted murder, assault, criminal possession of a weapon and harassment.

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Police say the victim is Huang's estranged common-law wife. According to a law enforcement source, she showed police a text from Huang in Mandarin, sent on Jan. 23, that said, "I am going to kill you and your sister with a knife."

Cops said he has no prior arrests and is currently awaiting a psychiatric evaluation at Bellevue Hospital.





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Third teen arrested after video making girls fight

A third teen has been arrested after a shocking video showing two little girls being forced to fight in a City park.

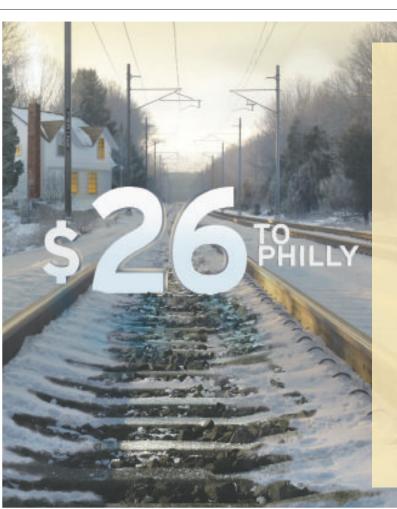
The third teenager arrested is 14, the older sister of one of the little girls and the alleged ringleader instigating the fight, according to the Daily News.

NBC reported last week that two teens, ages 14 and 15, were charged with endangering the welfare of a child.

PIX11 reported that the incident occurred after candy was shared earlier, and the older sisters of the little girls had some type of run-in.

Apparently, the groups ran into each other later that day in the Bronx, and a sister ordered the little girls to fight as retribution for the earlier altercation.

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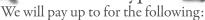
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That means the great majority of Americans stay within the advised limit of two drinks a day for men and one for women, according to the study that appeared in the

Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. **REUTERS**

Obama's message to governors: Stop spending cuts

President Barack Obama urged state governors yesterday to pressure Congress to prevent \$85 billion in across-the-board government spending cuts from going into effect on Friday, saying he is willing to reach a compromise with Republicans.

The president gave no indication that he would try to start negotiations or take steps to blunt the effect of cuts. He bemoaned what he described as a confrontational atmosphere in Washington, saying budget battles have provoked one near crisis after another since the summer of 2011.

"Some people in Congress reflexively oppose any idea I put forward," he said before a meeting with governors at the White House. **REUTERS**

High school graduation rates up sharply, but minorities still behind

For the first time in decades, the United States is making steady gains in the number of high school students earning diplomas, putting it on pace to reach a 90 percent graduation rate by 2020, according to a new analysis.

The good news comes with a big asterisk: Students with learning disabilities and limited fluency in English face long odds to finish high school, with graduation rates for those groups as low as 25 percent in some states, the analysis found. Minority students also continue to fall well behind their white peers, with about one-third of African-American students and 29 percent of Hispanic students dropping out before graduation.

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out before graduation

Nation" report — which was co-authored by Robert Balfanz, a leading scholar of dropout rates at Johns Hopkins University — found strong improvements in graduation rates in a diverse collection of states including Tennessee, Louisiana, Alaska, California, Texas and New York. The national graduation rate jumped from 71.7 percent in 2001 to 78.2 percent in 2010, with the pace of improvement accelerating in the past few years. REUTERS

Some states lead while others lag

Iowa, Vermont and Wisconsin lead the nation with graduation rates close to 90 percent, according to the report, which used data from 2010 and 2011. At the bottom of the heap: Nevada and New Mexico, where barely six in 10 high school freshmen can expect to earn a diploma within four years. Idaho, Kentucky and Oklahoma didn't use the same formula for calculating rates as other states and thus were not included in the report.



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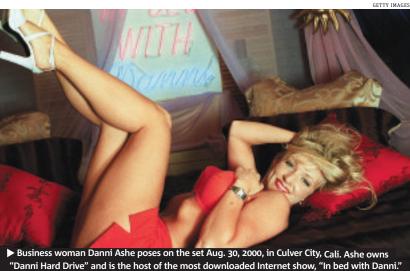
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Iceland to become first Western government to outlaw extreme porn



Iceland is set to become the first Western democracy to ban online pornography, with a draft law to be completed in March.

The Scandinavian state has one of the highest rape rates in the developed world, and following a public consultation on sex crimes the government has decided that pornography is partly to blame. "Violent porn is influencing the nature — and possibly the scope — of sexual violence. We must tackle the easy access the porn industry has to children," Interior Ministry advisor Halla Gunnarsdottir told Metro

Publication and distribution of pornography is already illegal in Iceland, and the government now plans to focus on extreme

Cold shower for porn users

The Icelandic government will consider proposals before the national election in April, and officials have expressed hope that other countries will follow.

material. "The key words are 'violent' and 'degrading,' although even the mainstream has become extreme," said Gunnarsdottir.

Supporters claim that crime patterns reflect the growth of porn, which now accounts for 25% of all Internet searches. "You can see the influence of porn in the prevalence of gang rapes as well as the lan-

guage and mannerism used by the perpetrators," said researcher Hildur Fjola Antonsdottir of the RIKK Center for Women's and Gender Studies.

Yet implementing the new law will face strong technical and moral opposition. "Everyone uses encryption, so you have to censor everything with a password or accept that censorship is not the way," Smari McCarthy, director of the International Modern Media Institute, told Metro. "It may be possible to achieve a weak level of censorship, but it won't deter people and will give an excuse to oppressive regimes in other countries."



Humane Society World Spay Day today

It's the less cute side of the pet industry. World Spay Day galvanizes organizers, the Humane Society of the United States and Humane Society International, with various animal welfare organizations in 45 countries to promote sterilization of companion animals, feral cats and street dogs

According to the HSUS, around 4 million cats and dogs are euthanized in U.S. shelters each year, most of them simply because they have no home.



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"The main reason for neutering is to stop suffering," says Vicki Stevens, the HSUS's World Spay coordinator. "Euthanasia is horrible for everyone: for the people who work at the shelter and for the animal who dies prematurely in a shelter. Much of it is so avoidby able neutering," emphases Stevens. "Shelters do their best, but there are not enough resources for all the kittens and pups who need homes." • METRO

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Vets need not apply; IKEA gallops into woes



Returning vets face job woes

Military veterans who have been deployed overseas for prolonged periods struggle to find work because of the traumas of war, as well as training that does not readily translate into the civilian world, according to research by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

High joblessness could not be explained by the business cycle and by demographic differences between new veterans and civilians, two Fed economists said in the paper.

"Individuals who return from wartime service may suffer from a variety of issues when returning home that can affect their employment prospects," senior economist R. Jason Faberman and senior associate economist Taft Foster wrote in the paper. Unemployment among post 9/11 military veterans stood at 11.7 percent in January, 3.8 percentage points above the rate for the civilian population. RELITERS

Rotten Onion Onion CEO sorry for bad tweet

The Onion, a source for online and printed satire that routinely skewers celebrities, apologized yesterday for a what it called a crude and offensive tweet directed at 9-year-old Oscar nominee Quvenzhane Wallis. The Internet was abuzz with commentary after The Onion on Sunday night referred to the young Best Actress nominee using a four-letter term seen as perhaps the most offensive word in American English. Steve Hannah, The Onion's chief executive, found the tweet devoid of humor. REUTERS



Cardinal virtues



UK cardinal quits in sex scandal

With just two days left before Pope Benedict XVI becomes the first pope in some six centuries to step down, he accepted yesterday the resignation of Britain's only cardinal elector, Archbishop Keith O'Brien, who was to have voted in the conclave for the next pope.

O'Brien, who retains the title of cardinal, has denied allegations that he behaved inappropriately with priests over a period of 30 years, but said he was quitting the job of archbishop of Edinburgh. **REUTERS**

A horse of course IKEA meatballs contained horse

Sweden's IKEA halted sales of its trademark Swedish meatballs in 13 European countries after tests in the Czech Republic yesterday showed the product contained horsemeat. IKEA said it had stopped sales of all meatballs from a batch implicated in the Czech tests. The checks were carried out in response to a Europewide scandal that erupted last month when tests revealed some beef products contained horsemeat. This has triggered recalls of ready-made meals and damaged confidence in Europe's food industry. **REUTERS**



Quid pro quo

Iran offered sanction relief

Major powers will offer Iran some sanctions relief during talks in Almaty, Kazakhstan, this week if Tehran agrees to curb its nuclear program, a U.S. official said yesterday. But the Islamic Republic could face more economic pain if it fails to address international concerns about its atomic activities, the official said ahead of the meeting.

"There will be continued sanctions enforcement. ... There are other areas where pressure can be put," the official said. REUTERS

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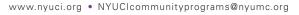
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Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip **@dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us**

It's Janet, Mrs. Al Mana, if you're nasty

If you've been wondering where Janet Jackson has been (besides being caught up in her crazy family drama), it turns out she's been off getting married. The 46-year-old singer secretely wed Qatari billionaire Wissam Al Mana, 37, last year. In a statement to "Entertainment Tonight," the couple tried to set the record straight about rumors they were planning an over-the-top wedding in the near future. "The rumors regarding an extravagant wedding are simply not true. Last year we were married in a quiet, private and beautiful ceremony," the couple wrote, thus blowing everyone's minds. "We would appreciate that our privacy is respected and that we are allowed this time for celebration and joy."

There's something about the phrase "Qatari billionaire" that has such a nice ring to it, right?



Whoa! Would vou look at **Britney Spears?**

So, it looks like losing her job on "The X Factor" and her fiance in a matter of months is doing wonders for Britney Spears. Who would have thunk it?

The singer stepped out looking Jessica Chastain-fabulous at Elton John's 21st annual AIDS Foundation **Academy Awards** Viewing Party on Sunday night. She donned a Michael Cinco Couture gown paired with Saint Laurent shoes for the occasion. But it was her hair that looked especially divine - check out how good that chestnut-brown color looks on the 31year-old. She hasn't looked this good in, well, forever. Whoever is this girl's new stylist should get a bazillion-dollar raise. Keep it up, Brit Brit!



Checking in with

some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

AJimCarrey: Elton's party was fun. My big feet and little angel wings were an expression of my somewhat awkward spiritual journey.

@ElizabethHurley: Exciting shopping today in a dusty warehouse in Chennai; now trying to persuade Awarne888 that we HAVE to ship it all home..... Massive old carved doors, huge lumps of marble fretwork, divine antique swings....I know they'll come in useful

@iamwandasykes: If I every fall on national tv, I'm not

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getting up.

West doesn't dig 'Suit & Tie'

Jay-Z announced last week that he's embarking on a tour with Justin



Tie," Timberlake's first new album in five years, but not everyone is happy about the news. Kanye West, who toured with Jay-Z last year following the release of their "Watch the

Throne" album, sounded off about the new collaboration onstage in London this weekend. "I got love for [Jay-Z], but I ain't f—ing with that 'Suit & Tie,'" West told the crowd, according to Billboard magazine, before launching into an extended rap about selling out.

There is no greater irony than Kanye West rapping about selling out.

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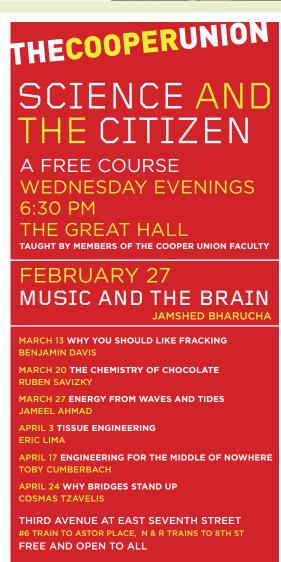
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◆ Comedian Eli Yudin's book version of @NotTildaSwinton is a labor of online love ◆ The collection represents a new trend

aunched to viral acclaim during last May's lunar eclipse, Twitter parody account @NotTildaSwinton has been reincarnated into a book. Self-published by comedian Eli Yudin and cowriter Carey O'Donnell, the complete collection of 187 bizarre imagined musings of actress and noted eccentric Tilda Swinton is available online at no profit. In an industry veering toward bite-sized content, Twitter's 140 character limit could be the logical endpoint of increasingly serialized work.

After spending six hours laying out the book on InDesign, Yudin set up shop on Lulu Marketplace. At \$11.06, the book was priced to break even. "We didn't want to seem like we were selling out," Yudin said. Not to mention the avoidance of potentially

Where is the quality control?

Readers can rely on Lulu's algorithms and reviews to help them pick their next read. Even so, it can be hard to determine quality. "The real issue is that in traditional publishing, you have an agent, editor and sales rep acting as a filter," said Cathy Langer, long-time buyer at Denver's independent bookstore, Tattered Cover. "Self-publishing eliminates these filters. It can be hard to tell what's going to be good."

thorny issues with Swinton herself.

"Not Tilda Swinton" is one of thousands of selfpublished books for sale Lulu Marketplace, which allows any author to sell their work. Brian Matthews, an executive vice president at Lulu's, argues that self-publishing has democratized publishing. "If an author wants to publish a book, we'll help them publish it as long as we don't have concerns related to the material,"

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Matthews said.

In recent years, readers have leaned toward buying shorter spurts of content in self-publishing. "Instead of monolithic books, we're seeing authors release content more frequently in smaller, consumable amounts," Matthews said. And nothing is smaller and more consumable than an artfully composed tweet — with Yudin at the helm.



Musings

@NotTildaSwinton excerpts:

- A mission for you. Go outside, hold an animal to your breast. That is real warmth, not the glow of your screen. I typed this on a rabbit.
- DO NOT EAT MEAT! Do not eat vegetables, either. Do not eat anything. Suck on a rock for millennia and think of what you've done.
- Of course I have received splinters. I do not remove them. Small branches emerge from me and bear fruit in the shape of my face.
- What a curse! No animal has limbs of length to embrace the proud elephant. An unhuggable behemoth plods forth.





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In Milan: Trousers looking very '80s, sleeves very fancy

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There's one more day of Milan Fashion Week left, and it's worth devoting some ink to the smattering of noncommittal, oddly impractical looks. Among all of the perfectly sensible oversized coats and kneelength dresses, there's been a range of looks that are kind of dressy (but not quite suitable enough for cocktail events) or kind of cold-weather appropriate - but weirdly not at the same time. Case in point:



Marni's strapless, bareshouldered daytime looks, which came with giant, fur stoles. And then there was Etro's in-your-face, hypergraphic separates, which would only make sense in the closet of magazine editors, bloggers, stylists and anyone else regularly featured on street-style websites and blogs. A lot of the daytime options look as if they were designed with an end result of a Tommy Ton slideshow in mind.

The trends

Relaxed and easy: Oversized pants ruled the runway at Emporio

Armani. So far, the new shape for fall '13 is slightly oversized and slouchy. Trousers, in particular, have been loose and roomy. Sometimes they've come with a little pleating on top very '80s which is not alwavs easy to

wear. But the general idea, as seen in shows such as Emporio Armani, Sportmax and Blumarine, is fluid and easy — good

son's laid-back pa-

jama pants.

Armani news for all of you used to last sea-



Salvatore Ferragamo This one is pretty straightforward. High contrast is a big idea so far, and we'll have a big variety to choose from — sexy plaids at Versace; clean minimalism at Salvatore Ferragamo and high-wattage graphics at Roberto Cav-

► Hyper-graphic: Etro Prints have been around for a while now. We've mixed them, clashed them and matched them from head to toe. So there's nowhere else to take them but to a



The arm as focal point: Dolce & Gabbana Last winter, fashion seemed to revolve around the waist, with its plethora of cinched. belted and tied coats and dresses. But the arms seem to be ruling now, thanks to the elaborate sleeves that have been on show.



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'Celebrity Wife Swap'

REALITY. You may be just as surprised as we are that this classy show made it back for a second season, but here it is. The title basically says it all, and tonight's premiere will find TV mom Kate Gosselin and former Playmate Kendra Wilkinson trading families. Clearly the word "celebrity" is being used loosely here. Season premiere, 8 p.m., ABC

'Parade's End'

MINISERIES. Still mourning the tragic season finale of "Downton Abbey"? So are we, which is why we'll revisit the same time period with this five-part miniseries written by Tom Stoppard and based on Ford Madox Ford's novels of the same name. There's an alluring love triangle at the heart of this World War I-set English drama that boasts a top-notch cast including the ubiquitous and

beautifully named Benedict Cumberbatch, as well as Rebecca Hall, Adelaide Clemens, Rupert Everett, Janet McTeer, Roger Allam and Miranda Richardson. Miniseries premiere, 9 p.m., HBO

'Face Off'

REALITY. The makeup artists must create looks for alienwerewolf mash-ups. Nothing else needs to be said. 9 p.m..

'Golden Boy'

DRAMA. This new cop drama follows the quick ascent of ambitious young officer Walter Clark (Theo James), who becomes New York City's youngest police commissioner. If that's not enough for you, tune in to witness the return of the always wonderful Chi McBride ("Boston Public," "Pushing Daisies") as Walter's partner. Series premiere, 10 p.m., CBS MATTHEW JACOBS

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► Motonaga Sadamasa's installation, "Work (Water)," is on display through May 8 at the Guggenheim.

Timeless pieces in 'Gutai: Splendid Playground'

If you go

'Gutai: Splendid Playground' Through May 8 Solomon R. **Guggenheim Museum** 1071 Fifth Ave. \$18-\$22; 212-423-3500. www.guggenheim.org

Current exhibition at the Guggenheim highlights 145 works of the last century from avant-garde Japanese collective

Keep a dollar bill handy when you visit "Gutai: Splendid Playground," the newest exhibition presented at the Guggenheim Museum. You'll need one to trade the attendant for a token to use "Gutai Card Box," a 1962 interactive piece refurbished for 2013 that dispenses small painted postcards. Four quarters won't cut it. Try to score a token with a dollar in change, and the work's attendant will inform you the \$1 note policy is a nonnegotiable "part of the performance of the piece." The 145 works on display,

created by 25 artists of Japan's Gutai art collective between 1954 and 1972, range from the witty, the evocative and the befud-

The name "gutai," or concreteness, refers to the incorporation of nontraditional objects and materials into art — a common trait in Gutai works. In one example, Shirago Kazuo's "Challenging Mud," the artist used his body to physically etch a design into a canvas of mud, which was later displayed alongside photos of the creative process. Tanaka's 'Electric Dress" is a wearable dress made of multicolored light bulbs. The exhibition's most visually dominant piece, "Work (Water)," was conceived specifically for the Guggenheim by Motonaga Sadamasa. A series of transparent tubes filled with brightly dyed water criss-crossing the rotunda

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far above the visitors' heads, the installation tugs the eye upward through the whimsically draped plastic all the way to the museum's iconic skylight.

North America's firstever Gutai retrospective, "Splendid Playground" runs through May 8 and includes both classic and several newly commissioned, site-specific works by Gutai artists. Founded Japanese Yoshihara Jiro, the collective generated one of

avant-garde's most influential movements of the post-World War II era. In a society newly freed from the bonds of totalitarianism, Jiro challenged his proteges to express freedom and agency through Co-curator Ming Tiampo credits Gutai's enduring relevance to its playful, experimental spirit. "I think young artists have been responding with great enthusiasm to this work," she says. "Although it was made in the '50s and '60s, it feels like it was just made yesterday."

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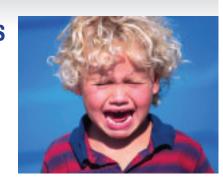




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Eating to conceive — and beyond

Nutrition can contribute to a successful pregnancy Dr. Victoria Maizes guides women through the challenges of eating for two

Proper nutrition while pregnant or trying to conceive can be a major determining factor in the overall health of a child. In her new book "Be Fruitful: The Essential Guide to Maximizing Fertility and Giving Birth to a Healthy Child," Dr. Victoria Maizes guides women through the challenges of eating for two. We had a few questions about her recommendations.

What are some of the biggest myths surrounding nutrition and pregnancy that you'd like to debunk? One is that they should not

One is that they should not eat fish, which can be detrimental to the development of a fetus because of high levels of mercury. Women should eat 12 ounces a day of lower mercury fish. Quite a few studies show that fish are the best source of omega 3s in the diet.

What other foods should women watch out for while pregnant?

Ninety-eight percent of apples are contaminated with pesticides, even after washing. If you're going to eat them, you need to eat organic. Same goes for celery, peaches and strawberries. During the first trimester of pregnancy, your baby is developing its entire neurological system. It is uniquely sensitive. It is this especially bad window if it gets exposed to chemicals, because they don't have the mature detoxification system that adults

How should women alter



Is that fish fishy?

To tell if a fish at a store or restaurant is low in mercury, Dr. Maizes recommends keeping a chart in your purse. She points to one on her website, www. victoriamaizesmd.com, which you can reference.

their diets if they are trying to conceive?

We recommend lots of fruits and vegetables, omega 3 fatty acids and whole-fat dairy, including ice cream. Whole-fat ice cream is an OK indulgence food! Women should also be taking a daily multivitamin that has folic acid, iron and iodine when they want to conceive. It will help them conceive more easily and reduce their risk of miscarriage.

Q&A

What are the biggest no-no foods?

A lot of processed foods have partially hydrogenated oils, which are a source of trans fats in the diet. Trans fats also increase infertility. We also like people to limit caffeine to no more than 300 milligrams a day. When you drink a significant amount, it can increase your risk of miscarriage. No artificial sweeteners; they can cross the placenta. Raw fish can carry certain microbes that can be dangerous. Soft and unpasteurized cheeses can also carry harmful bacteria.



Parenting notes

Pediatricians oppose school suspension, expulsion

A group representing pediatricians says disciplining students with out-of-school suspension or expulsion is counterproductive and should only be used on case-by-case basis.

The policy statement from the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that pediatricians advocate for prevention and alternative strategies.

"The adverse effect of

out-of-school suspension and expulsion on the student can be profound," the experts write in the journal Pediatrics.

"Students who experience out-of-school suspension and expulsion are as much as 10 times more likely to ultimately drop out of high school than are those who do not," they add.

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Friends will tolerate a bit of

restlessness on your part, but

not to the point of changing

group plans. Be thoughtful

about your behavior.

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Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. When left to your own devices, you're pretty good at figuring things out. Complications could enter the picture.

however, with comments by an unsolicited adviser. BERNICE BEDE OSOL



expedite certain tasks or assignments, you might be tempted to take a few shortcuts. Unfortunately, this might only cause more work for you. **₹** Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** It'll reflect poorly on your image if you try to take credit for something that you had only a small part in producing. Don't let your ego put you in an embarrassing position.

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Letters

The US military's got a big stockpile ... of money

RE: "GOVERNORS SAY SPENDING CUTS WILL PUSH US BACK TO RECESSION" (METRO, FEB. 25) As a veteran, I have personally seen numerous areas in the military where spending cuts would not lead to decreased military readiness or safety for soldiers or the American people. The sheer amount of money spent on wasteful things and civilian employees hired to do jobs that soldiers could do (who are already being paid) would astound anyone who took an in-depth look. Massive does not even begin to describe the defense department's budget. If they cut wasteful spending, like on cold weather gear for an Iraq deployment, and eliminated civilians getting paid six figures to do a job that a soldier could do, the Pentagon could easily cut millions of dollars from its bloated budget. ANNIE FERRIS, VIA E-MAIL

Two out of three people agree: **Kids are better** than pets

RE: "THE FAMILY PET IS AS

VALUABLE AS YOUR KID" (METRO, FEB. 22-24) I am not an animal rights activist, but to each their own. If someone values the lives of animals as much as human lives, so be it, but they should be spayed and neutered (the people that is). A lot of people who claim to love mankind are hypocrites anyway and are cruel to their own children and inconsiderate of other people. Furthermore, Mindy McCready chose to end her life and it was her decision and her right as much as anyone else may disagree.

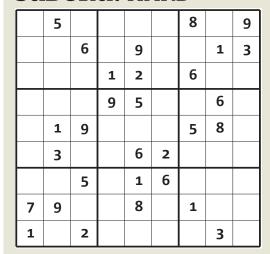
LUCY MARTINEZ, VIA E-MAIL

I was amazed with George McDonald's letter to the editor in which he claims that our pets are "as much a part of the family as our children are." This is absolutely ludicrous. Comparing pets to children is sick and disturbing. I understand that we love our pets, but an animal is an ANIMAL. A human being is a HUMAN BEING. EUGENE SULLIVAN, VIA E-MAIL

Your opinions on animals are completely insane and infuriating. My son has given me nothing but years of stress pain and aggravation. My cat, Jet, has been a blessing and I'd trade my son off for him in a metro second.

THOMAS BROWNELL. VIA E-MAIL

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▶ This Caribbean island doesn't see too many American tourists ◆ That may soon change ◆ The land where Rihanna came from calls the whole family to some sun and surf And you'll also enjoy caves, submarines and lots — lots — of rum



s the cold winds come down from the north, out come the wistful screensavers depicting golden sunsets, limpid waters, swaying hammocks and sweet drinks with little pink umbrellas. But when you get tired of holding your mouse really still to get a glimpse of digital paradise, think about cashing in those unused vacation days and heading down Barbados. The warm Caribbean waters caress its western shores, the wild Atlantic is to the east, and rum takes care of everything in between.



Kate Thomas

Catch you on the sunny side

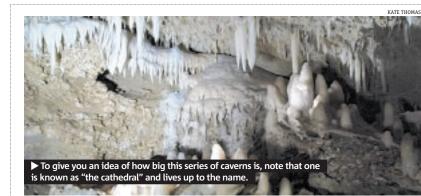
Once a British colony and still part of the Commonwealth, **English-speaking** Barbados has long been a favorite retreat for the kind of people who like baked beans for breakfast. American tourists are a bit of a novelty on this unspoiled coral island, and you're unlikely to get stuck with a raucous party of spring breakers in the room above you. There's a thriving nightlife, but the island's true siren song is one of tranquility and family-friendliness.



beach with watersports and a sigh-inducing sunset. The resort is literally just steps from a street bustling with nightlife and a European-style mall with high-end retailers.

The resort also offers wedding packages, nightly live entertainment and plenty for the kids to do.

Tip: If rum isn't your thing, the resort's bartenders do sweet, smooth justice to a mango



More than

sand and surf

If you're the kind of person whose tan more closely resembles Santa's rosy cheeks than the electric orange of Jersey Shore beach bums, don't despair. Here's a sample of activities that don't require your own weight in SPF 9000:

Take a submarine ride: Unlike most of its

volcanic neighbors, Barbados is a coral reef topped with clay and dirt. Its spectacular origins are visible 140 feet below the azure waves. Get down

with the periscope crowd at Atlantis submarine tours (www.barbados. atlantissubmarines.com) and view the best in teeming sea life. If you've ever wanted to see an actual shipwreck. complete with Titanicstyle eeriness and barnacles, this is your chance.

Cave in and take a cavern tour: Barbados has become a little easier on the casual, less adventurous traveler in recent years, and Harrison's Cave is a good example (harrisons cave.com). The series of caverns, among the largest and best on the island, offer a sit-backand-relax trolley tour for families and those who packed nothing but beer cozies and flip-flops in their luggage. It also offers a more hands-on and strenuous set of adventure tours for the more daring tourist. Also, mind the iPhones — the caves are alive, and thus

very drippy. There's something fishy in the state of Barbados riday nights at Oistin's Fish Fry are a crowded affair — just about everyone, their mother and their children, comes out for an evening of food, song and drink. It's the perfect place for outof-towners to mix with Bajans and try local fare.



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Monet once said that his greatest masterpiece was his garden. To see it, head 50 miles outside the city to Giverny, where the Impressionist master lived and painted from 1883 until his death in 1926. The gardens and house have been restored since then, and visitors can experience the source of inspiration for so many of his great works, including the famous Japanese bridge covered in wisterias. Even if you're not

a Monet fan, the gardens are worth the trip.

Insider tip: The gardens are in bloom from April to October, but the best time to beat the crowds and see the famous water lilies are the summer months.

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Fontainebleau

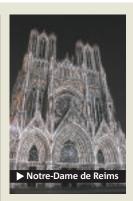
A tranquil alternative to the always-crowded Versailles, Fontainebleau sits 35 miles southeast of Paris. The town's biggest attraction is the Chateau de Fontainebleau, a 16th century palace that acted as a country home for France's royalty and was Napoleon's residence. Give yourself time to explore the grand rooms and gardens.

Insider tip: The mood here is calm, but for real relaxation, pack a picnic and head to the dense forest on the outskirts of town, which was once a royal hunting ground.

Reims

Reims may make the history books for its Gothic cathedral where 33 French kings were crowned (most famously, Charles VII), but the main reason people visit is the champagne. The city sits on top of miles of tunnels, originally created by Romans quarrying chalk pits that are now used as champagne caves by such houses as Pommery, Taittinger and Veuve Clicquot. Many offer tours and tastings, which should be booked in advance.

Insider tip: Even if you're only here for the bubbly, it's worthwhile to tour the Cathedral Notre-Dame de Reims. Outside, the building is covered with hundreds of statues, including L'Ange au Sourire, a smiling angel



that has become a symbol of the city. Inside, stained glass ranges from a stunning 13th century rose window to axial chapel windows designed by Marc Chagall.



BABBLING BROOK

▶ Lopez, Carlesimo at loss to explain why All-Star is sitting for fourth quarters ▶ Blatche seeing more time ▶ D-Will good to go

Nets interim head coach P.J. Carlesimo labeled his handling of Brook Lopez's minutes in the fourth quarter since the All-Star break as something he "probably shouldn't do."

Yet, on Sunday, when the Nets were missing Joe Johnson for a second straight game, that plan remained in place.

"I created the situation and it's not a good situation," Carlesimo said after practice yesterday before the team headed to New Orleans. "So yes, I worry about it that I need to address it and I worry about it that I need to watch what I do going forward."

Lopez sat the entire fourth quarter in last Tuesday's overtime win over Milwaukee and again on Wednesday. After playing six minutes in the fourth quarter but scoring just two of his 27 points in Friday's 10-point loss to Houston, Lopez was glued to the bench again Sunday.

While Lopez struggles with his shot, those minutes have mostly gone to Andray Blatche, who averaged eight points per game before the break but



D-Will fine

Deron Williams gave the thumbs-up about his bruised left calf and balky ankles and said he expects to play today.

"I feel like the break helped and the [cortisone] shots helped and it's been a positive effect, and hopefully it continues to get better."

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is shooting 18-of-33 and has grabbed 26 rebounds — six more than Lopez — since the break.

"You'd go crazy with the what-ifs and everything," Lopez said. "I mean, there's a million possibilities. And Dray is just as good a center offensively as I am, and he's perfectly capable of scoring."

One possibility is pairing Lopez and Blatche together, which happened in the second quarter against Miami on Jan. 30.

"That would be a great possibility," Lopez said. "I've enjoyed the time we've played together. I think we play well with each other."





Johnson still questionable with injury

P.J. Carlesimo said he was encouraged by Joe Johnson's shooting in practice but was not quite ready to say if his second-leading scorer would suit up Tuesday.

The team officially said he's questionable, with a sore left heel.

"I think we probably won't know until tomorrow, but I was encouraged," Carlesimo said yesterday. "He's not jumping up and down, but he's moving around. He also did some dribble-move shots, certainly less than 100 percent, but I thought it went well. A lot of it is, with a bruise, is it going to flare up tonight, or is going to flare up tomorrow? He may say it feels really good, but he may not be able to get out of bed tomorrow morning. But I think we were encouraged by how Joe looked." O METRO/LF





Brady signs new extension Congratulations, Jets

fans — you'll be

facing Tom Brady through at least 2017. ESPN reported yesterday afternoon that the future Hall of Famer re-upped with the Patriots for three years and \$27 million, on top of his current deal, which goes through 2014.

Knicks take 'recovery day' after streak-stopping win

The Knicks had a light day of practice yesterday, perhaps as a reward for the effort they exuded in Sunday's win against the 76ers. Head coach Mike Woodson was more than obliging in giving a number of the team's top stars a "recovery day off."

The coach is hopeful that such a stifling performance can jump-start a team that's been in a rut for months, making an 18-5 start to the season a distant memory.

"From a defensive standpoint, I was pleased, so that's what we need more of," Woodson said, acknowledging that his team needed a win to regain some confidence.



Martin remains a question mark

Woodson was noncommittal about Kenyon Martin's availability tomorrow against Golden State. "He might be

"He might be [available]. It'll take some time to get him up to speed. He's been without basketball for a while."

"[Winning like that] has a lot to do with it, because when you're not used to losing, you lose your confidence. Last night was a confidence booster in trying to get our heads back to where we need to be mentally."

J.R. Smith has never been known for his philosophical approach, but he said he noticed a change in the team's mentality during the bad stretch.

"I think we can still pick up the intensity even more [and] be more physical," Smith said. "We need everybody focused and locked in and not allowing teams to feel comfortable playing us."

O TONY WILLIAMS



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HEAT (40-14)

They have 11 wins in a row, seven of which

have come by double digits. Is that good? Not for the rest of the NBA.



THUNDER (41-15)

A 30-point beat down of the Bulls is comfort-

ina. But why sian Derek Fisher a few hours later? Do they really need him?



CLIPPERS (40-18)

Would Kevin Garnett put them over the

top? We'll never know. But they have as good a chance as any team to win a title.



GRIZZLIES (37-18) It's not the

strongest seven-game win-

NUGGETS (35-22)

Can we bottle

up everything

about Kenneth

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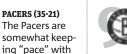
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NETS (33-24)

They went into, and out of, the break strong —

WARRIORS (33-23)

It looked like

off for the

Warriors after six straight

over the Spurs was huge.

losses. But a comeback win

the wheels fell

two wins each — but have since lost to the Rockets and Grizzlies.



BULLS (32-24) Sunday's loss to the Thunder was

ugly. It was the eighth straight game no Bulls player has reached 20-plus points.



KNICKS (33-20) The Knicks have one win against a

playoff team in February. They are fading, and fading fast. Is anybody surprised?



HAWKS (31-23) It seemed like a quarantee Josh

Smith would be traded. Instead, they're destined for a first-round playoff exit.

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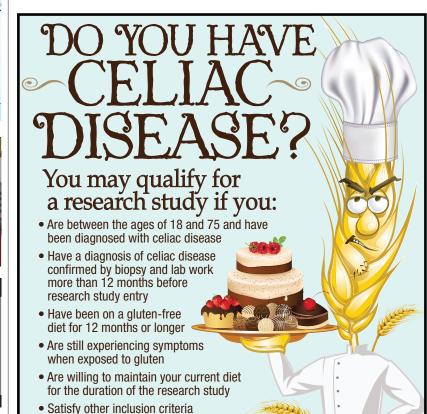
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